

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application.

In the specification, paragraphs have been amended on pages 1. Claims 16-29 are being added, and claims 1-15 are requested to be cancelled. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims in subsequent divisional applications. The cancellation of claims does not constitute acquiescence in the propriety of any rejection set forth by the Examiner.

This preliminary amendment adds, changes, and/or deletes claims in the application. A detailed listing is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier, of all claims that are or were in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination.

Exemplary support for newly added claims 16-29 is found throughout the specification as shown below.

Claim #	Exemplary Support in Specification
16	Page 6, lines 1-7 and page 7, lines 22-35; Example 1
17	Figure 1, Example 1
18	Page 6, lines 1-7 and page 7, lines 22-35; Example 1
19	Page 6, lines 1-7 and page 7, lines 22-35
20	Example 1
21	Page 21, lines 2-6
22	Page 5, lines 19-22
23	Page 20, line 15
24	Page 5, lines 29-32
25	Page 19, line 25
26	Page 19, lines 24-25
27	Page 19, lines 23-24
28	Page 19, lines 12-20
29	Page 6, lines 1-7 and page 7, lines 22-35

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 15-27 will be pending in the application.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an indication to this effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner also is invited to contact the undersigned, should a telephone interview seem useful to advancing prosecution of this case.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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